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1. AL-1 AA'ID (INDEPENDENT ARAB NATIONALIST/SOCIALIST DAILY PUBLISHED IN TRIPOLI) CARRIED FOUR SENTENCE STORY ON PAGE 5 FEBRUARY 22 REPORTING CIA DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED TO MEMBERS SENATE TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES WITH STUDENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. STORY STATES THAT DECISION WAS MADE AS RESULT OF INCREAS)

SING CRITICISM OF PAST AGENCY PRACTICE AND BECAUSE "CIA BELIEVES THAT PROPAGANDA (SIC) WHICH HAS SURROUNDED SUBJECT RECENTLY HAS DESTROYED EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE SUBSIDIES." REPORT ALSO POINTS OUT DECISION WAS MADE BEFORE RESULTS OF FULL STUDY ORDERED BY PRESIDENT WERE AVAILABLE.

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2. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE (US CITIZEN) AMERICAN FRIENDS MIDDLE EAST (ONLY ONE OF ORGANIZATIONS NAMED WHICH KNOWN TO BE OPERATING IN LIBYA) TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 22 THAT QUESTION CIA SUBSIDY OF HIS ORGANIZATION HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN MENTIONED TO HIM BY ANYONE. HE STATED HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS HERE AS RESULT PUBLICITY, AND GENERALLY APPEARED COMPLETELY RELAXED ON WHOLE ISSUE. GP-3. NEWSOM

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